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TITLE OF INVENTION: PNEUMATIC TIRE HAVING LUG AND GROOVE CONFIGURATION EXTENDING FROM TREAD OVER AT LEAST 30% OF SIDEWALL

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